# South King County's Changing Demographics

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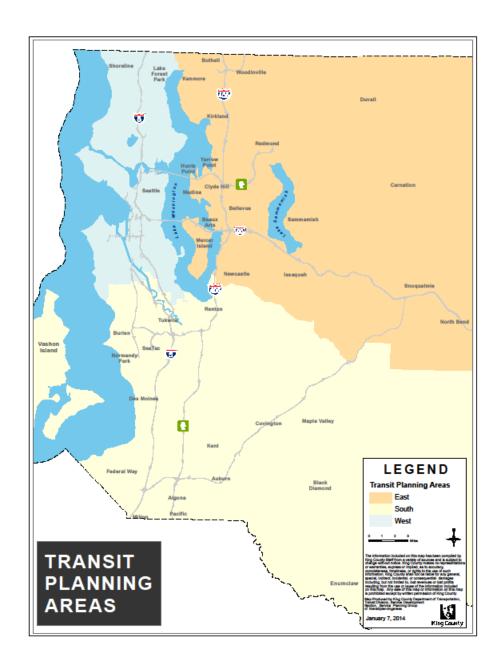
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# King County Population Growth, 2000 - 2010

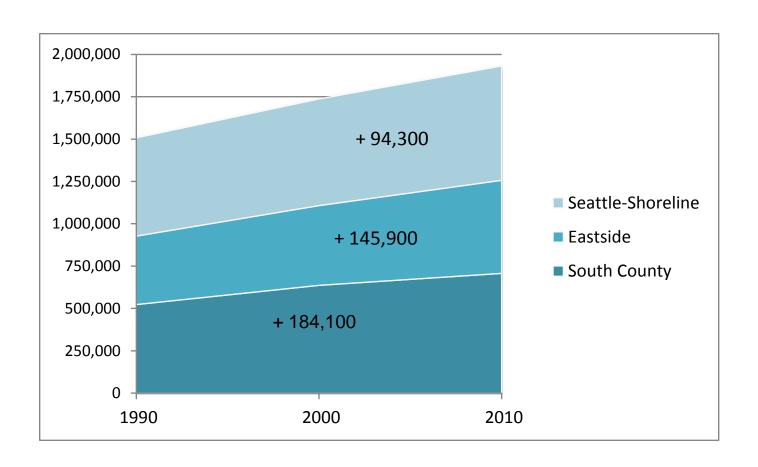
- King County now nearly 2 million people
- Gained about 200,000 persons
- Equivalent to population of Tacoma
- Half of this growth: foreign-born pop.
- Population grew 11%, while job numbers remained flat
- South King County: gain of 70,000 in ten years
- Data we're reporting are from 2010 Census and American Community Survey

# Three broad subareas of King County:

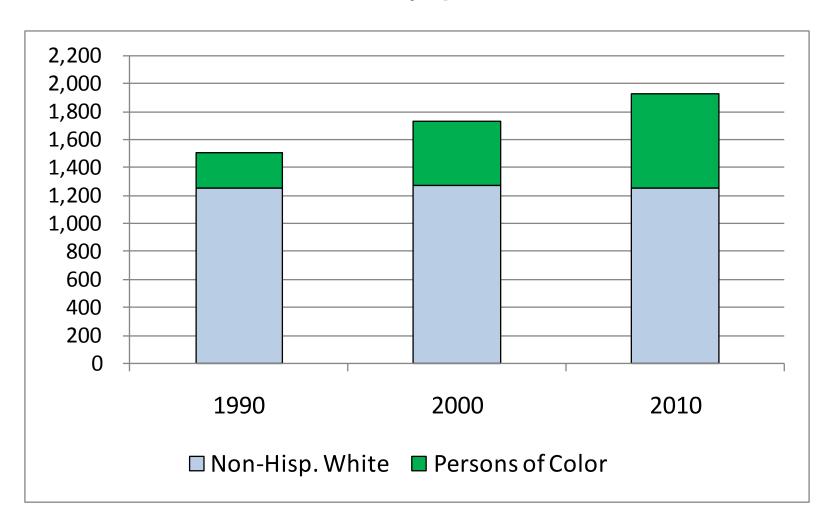
- Seattle-Shoreline
- Eastside
- South King County



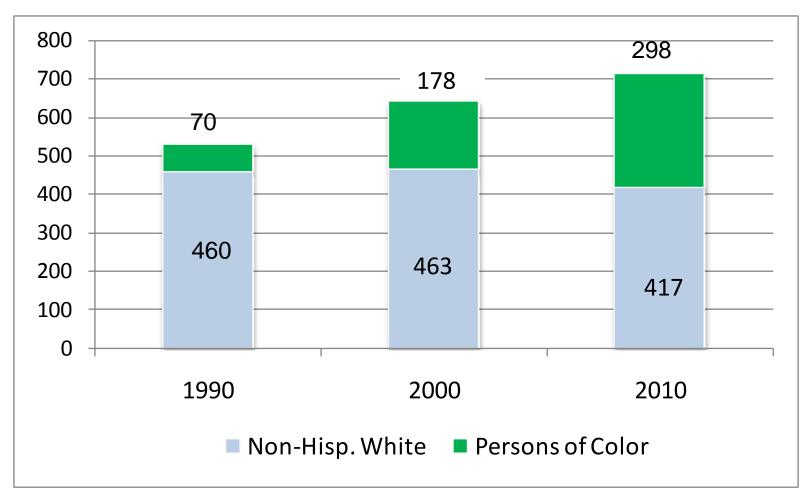
### Population growth: more than 400,000 in 20 years South King County gained largest share



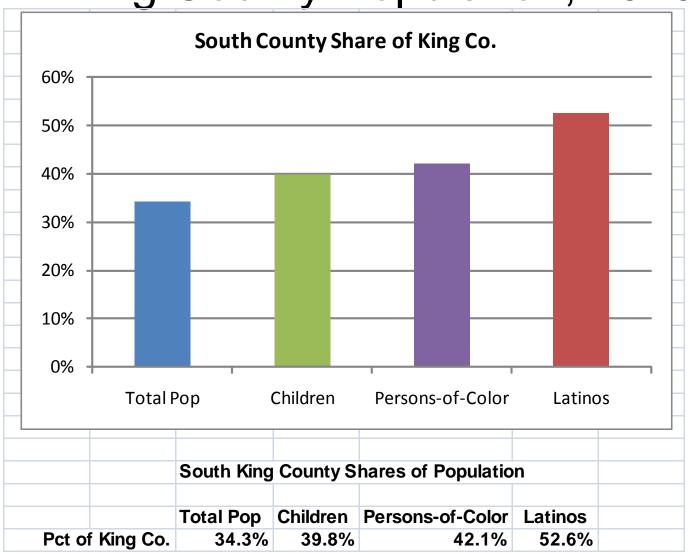
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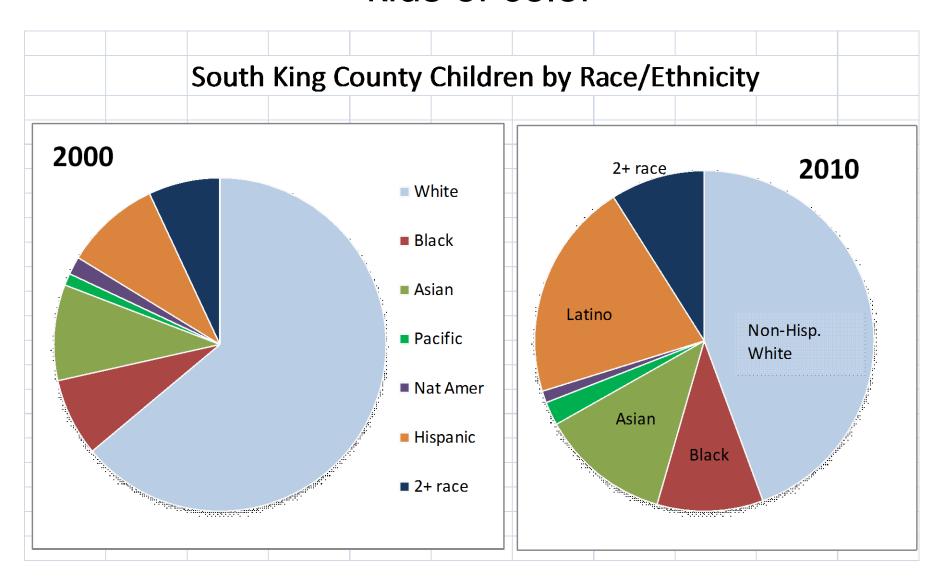
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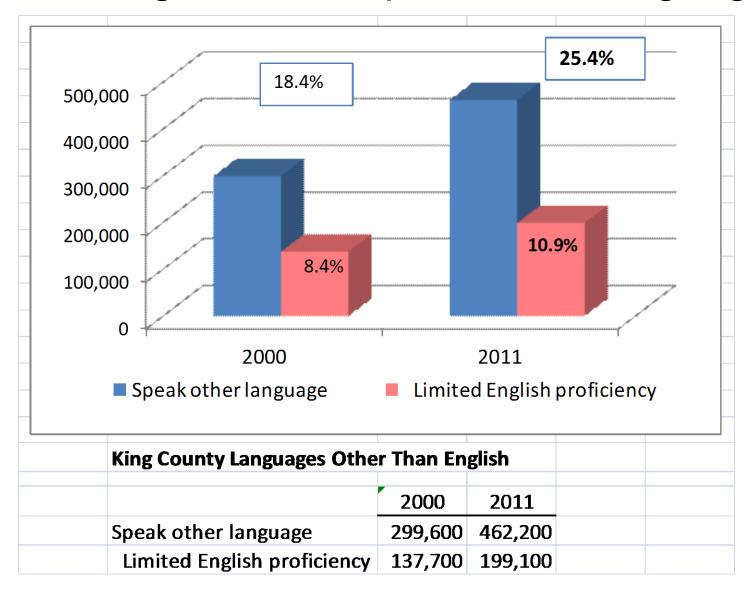
South King County Shares of King County Population, 2010



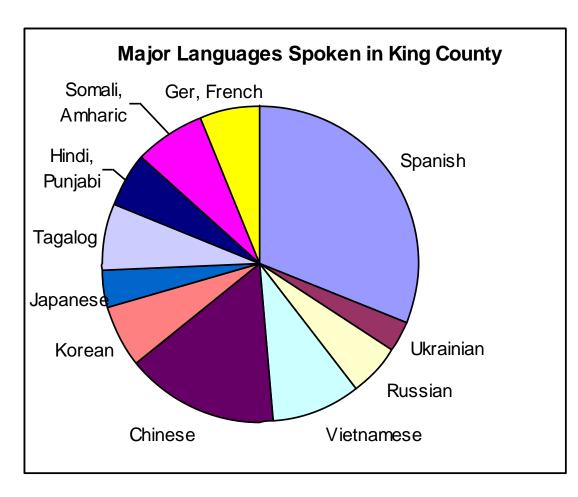
## A majority of South King County kids are kids of color



### Increasing numbers speak other languages



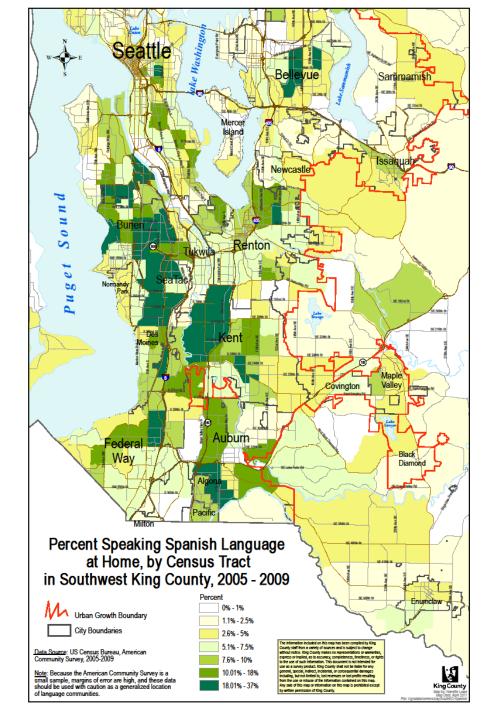
#### King County residents speak 170 different languages



Spanish	102,000
Ukrainian	10,000
Russian	17,700
Vietnamese	30,200
Chinese	51,000
Korean	21,100
Japanese	11,300
Tagalog	22,900
Hindi, Punjabi	18,400
Somali, Amha	23,400
Ger, French	20,400
Other	73,500
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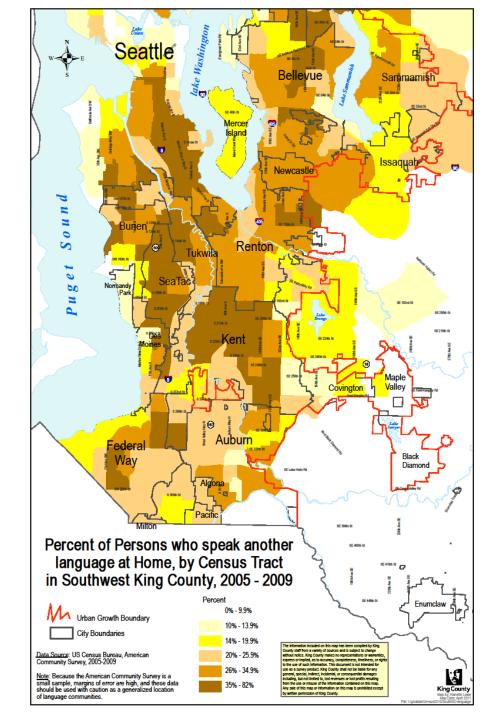
### Spanish speakers in South King County

Highest category:
 18% - 37%
 speaking Spanish

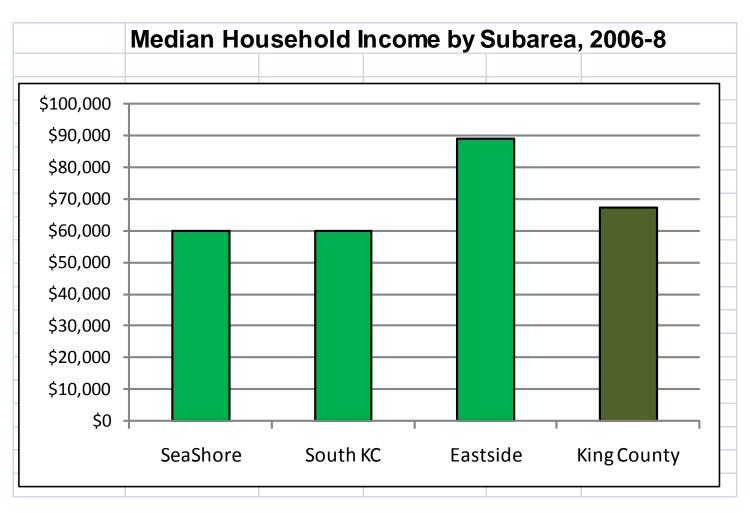


# Overall locations of foreign-language speakers

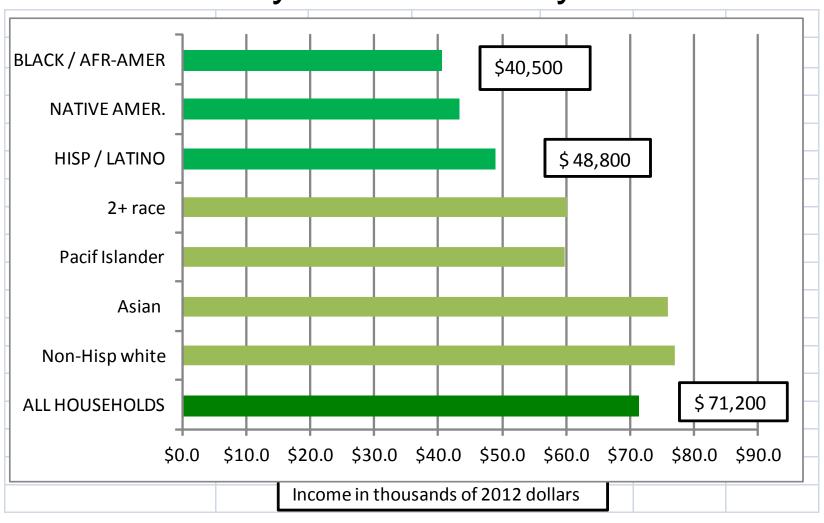
In many parts of
 South King County,
 more than a quarter
 of the population
 speaks a language
 other than English



# Median income varies substantially by subarea

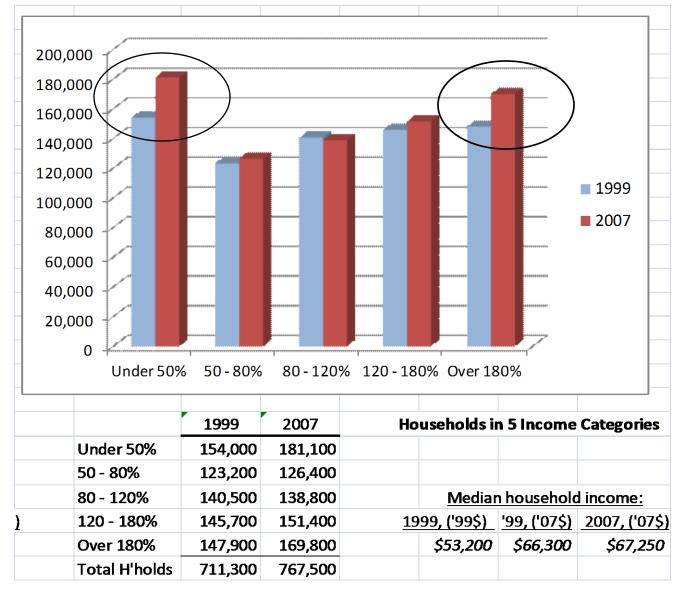


# King County Median Household Income by Race/Ethnicity

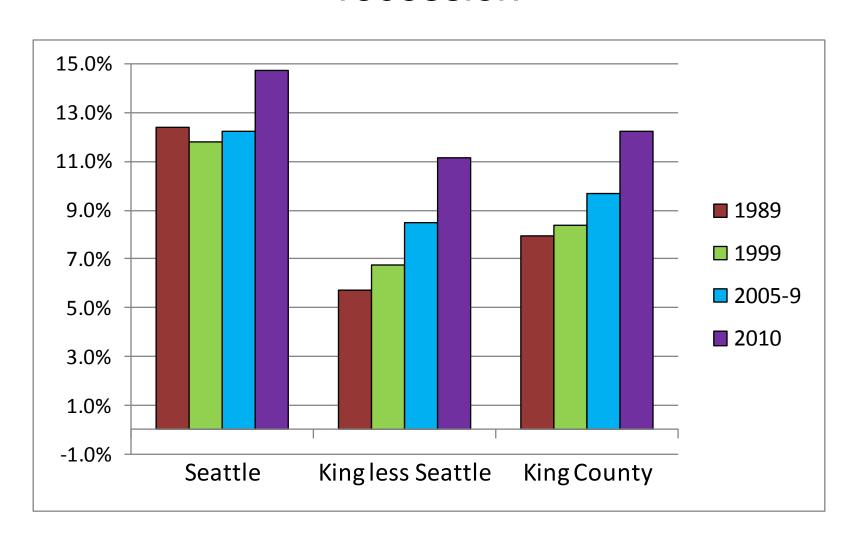


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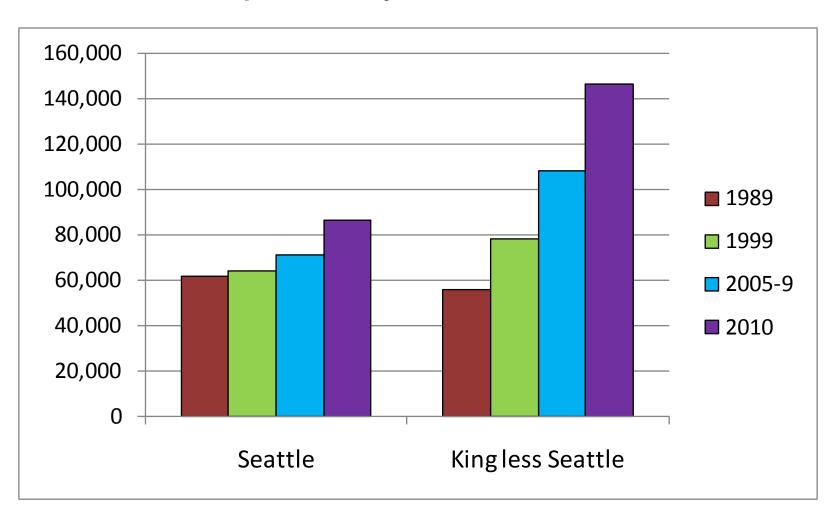
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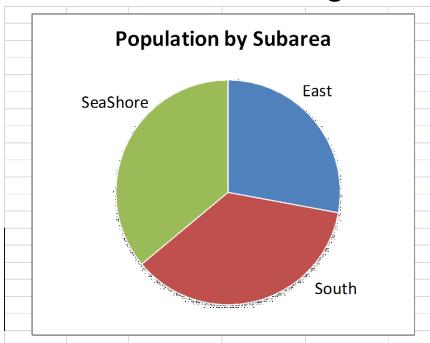
## Poverty <u>rates</u> have jumped up with the recession

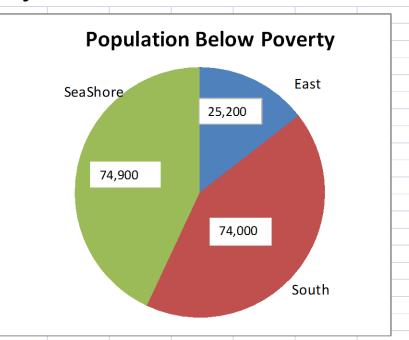


# Numbers of persons below poverty: now primarily in the suburbs



### Poverty by Subarea, King County 2005-9





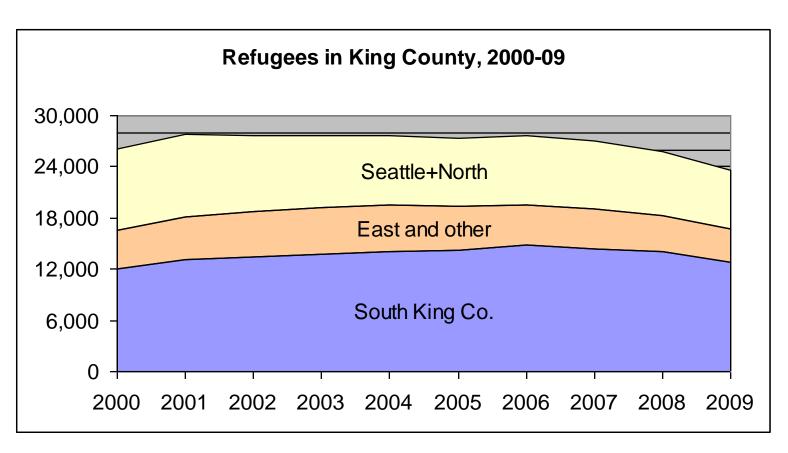
	<b>Population</b>	Below Pov.	% below Pov.	
East	495,000	25,200	5.1%	
South	640,000	74,000	11.6%	
SeaShore	639,000	74,900	11.7%	
unaccted	57,000	2,600	4.6%	
King County	1,831,000	176,700	9.7%	

#### POVERTY RATES, 2005-9:

- King Co: 9.7%
- South KC: ~ 12%
- Latinos, countywide: ~ 19%
- Latinos, South KC: ~ 22%

### Refugee population in King County

Numbers steady until recently South King has majority



### Thank you!

Questions...?

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### Leftovers

Not included in presentation

### Census data show diversity – and need – in Renton

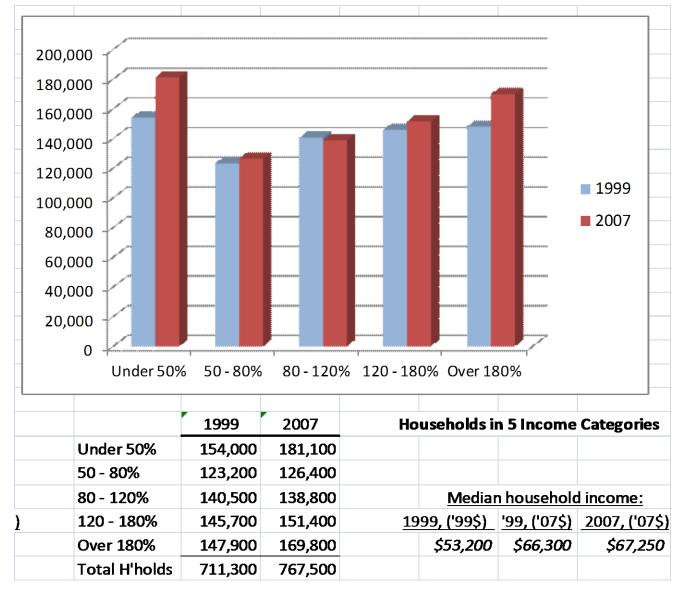
- 33% of Renton residents speak other language.
- Among county's most diverse cities, with 51% personsof-color, and 25% foreign-born.
- Median income 15% below countywide median.
- 11% of residents are below poverty level, '05-09.
- 53% of Renton residents & 49% of youth received DSHS assistance in 2009-10.
- 80+ languages spoken in Renton schools, and 57%+ eligible for free/reduced price meals.

#### And similar Census stats in SeaTac

- 40% of SeaTac residents speak other language.
- Among county's most diverse cities, with 61% personsof-color, and 31% foreign-born.
- Median income 29% below countywide median.
- 13% of residents are below poverty level, '06-10.
- 70+ languages spoken in Highline schools, and 69%+ eligible for free/reduced price meals.
- Unemployment rate remains about 10%.

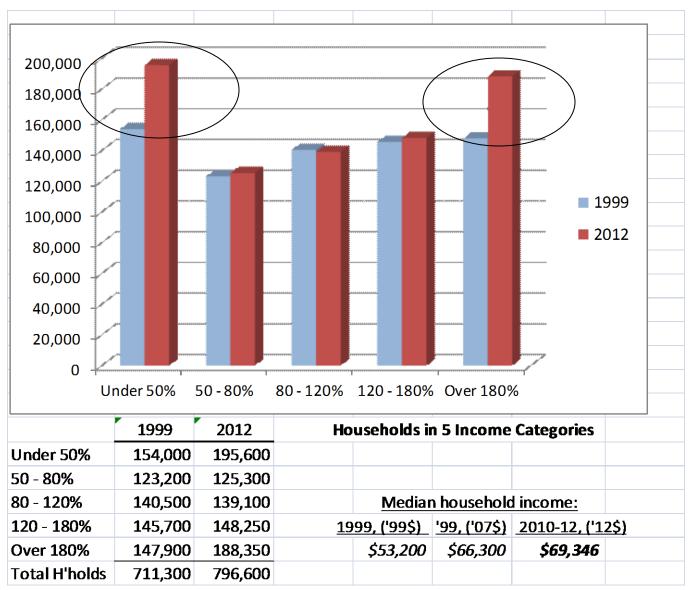
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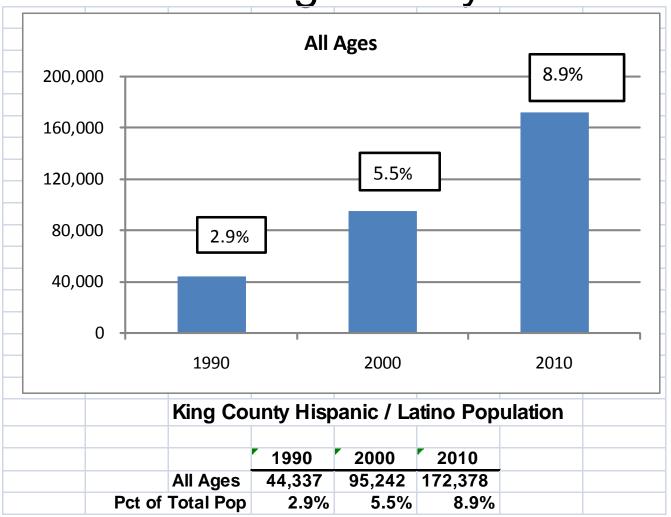


### **Updated Income Distribution:**

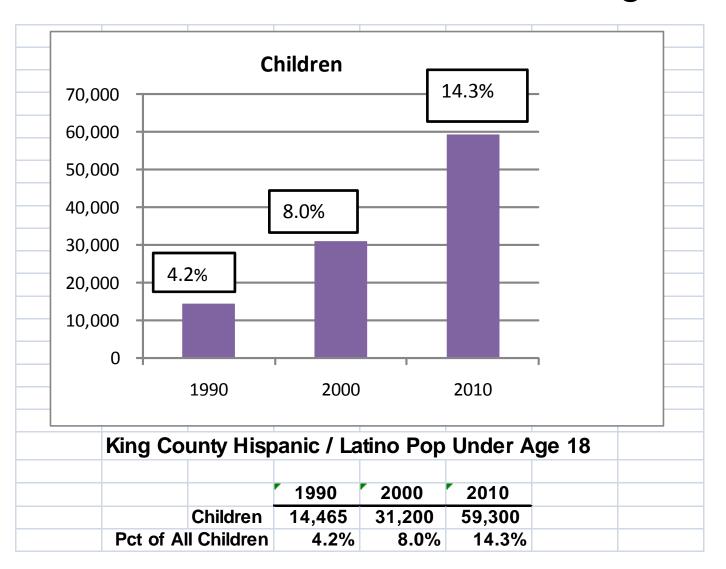
#### where's the middle class now?



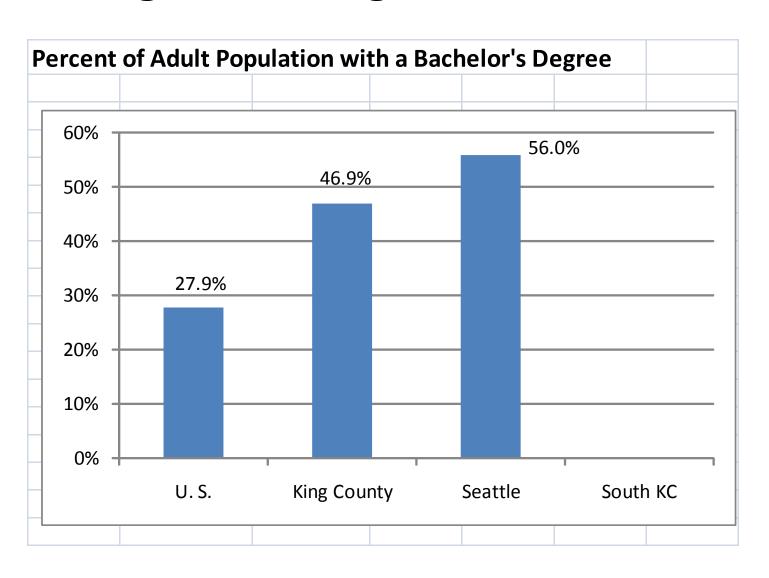
# Hispanic/Latino Population Growth in King County



### Number of Latino Kids is Growing Faster



### Our Region has High Educational Levels



## But South King County has not fully shared in that educational attainment

